Medical Countermeasure Situation Report
Questions and Answers

Q1. *What is the Medical Countermeasure Situation Report?*

A1. The Medical Countermeasure Situation report was developed by federal staffs from Biomedical Advance Research and Development Authority (BARDA), the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). All of the data elements are based on questions that we received (and continue to receive) from the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), CDC leadership and other stakeholders during the Novel Influenza A (H1N1) outbreak in spring 2009. The intent was to develop a single standardized data collection tool that will minimize multiple federal departments/agencies querying Project Areas for the same information and to minimize ad hoc data requests.

Q2. *What is the reporting period for the Medical Countermeasure Situation Report?*

A2. The reporting period is based on the MMWR week; defined as Sunday through Saturday. Project Areas are required to submit the Medical Countermeasure Situation Report by the first Monday at the end of day (11:59 pm local time for the jurisdiction reporting).

Q3. *Do I still need to submit a report if there is no information to report for the week?*

A3. Yes. If there is no information to report, please enter zeros and click save. This will inform CDC with the status that the Project Area has no information to report versus a Project Area that has information to report but has not yet submitted that information.

Q4. *How many digital certificates are available for each state/jurisdiction partner?*

A4. There is no limit on the number of digital certificates each state and local partner can have.

Q5. *How can I get more information regarding digital certificates?*

A5. ALL individuals that will be entering data into web-based CRA must have an active SDN digital certificate. This is a one-time approval process to obtain a SDN (Secure Data Network) digital certificate.

If the user does have a digital certificate but is not a user of the CRA Application, contact the PHIN Helpdesk at PHINTech@cdc.gov or (800)532-9929 to add the user to CRA and instruct the user to request the CRA Application SDN activity.

If the user does not have a digital certificate or if the digital certificate has expired, use the following link to enroll for a SDN digital certificate: https://ca.cdc.gov. Enter enrollment password: !cdc_sdn_apply! If you have questions, contact the PHIN Helpdesk at PHINTech@cdc.gov or (800)532-9929.

Definitions

- **Inventory:** Antiviral regimens and personal protective equipment (PPE) on hand.

- **Project Area:** Project Area refers to the 62 Public Health Emergency Preparedness (PHEP) grantees, which includes the 50 states, 8 territories and 4 large metropolitan areas.

- **Shipment:** Number of shipments of antiviral regimens and/or personal protective equipment (PPE) in a vehicle that has been delivered to a local entity.

- **Shortage:** Items that have not been replenished within a 24-hour time at a local jurisdiction.

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